

## **AMENDMENT**

## In the Claims

The following listing reflects the currently pending claims. No amendments are made herein.

## 1-40 (Canceled)

- 41. (Previously presented) A fusion protein comprising an immunogenic polypeptide, wherein the immunogenic polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence motif Xaa-Thr-Xaa-Val-Thr-Gly-Gly-Xaa-Ala-Ala-Arg-Thr-Thr-Xaa-Gly-Xaa-Xaa-Ser-Leu-Phe-Xaa-Xaa-Gly-Xaa-Ser-Gln-Xaa-Ile-Gln-Leu-Ile (SEQ ID NO:8).
  - 42. (Previously presented) The fusion protein of claim 41 linked to a suitable carrier.
- 43. (Previously presented) The fusion protein of claim 42 linked to a disulfide/amide-forming agent.
- 44. (Previously presented) The fusion protein of claim 42 linked to a thio-ether-forming agent.

## 45-51. (Canceled)

- 52. (Previously presented) An immunogenic composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and the fusion protein of claim 41.
  - 53. (Cancelled)
  - 54. (Canceled)

- 55. (Previously presented) The fusion protein of claim 42, wherein the carrier is diphtheria toxoid.
- 56. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of claim 52, wherein the carrier is diphtheria toxoid.
  - 57. (Canceled)